

REMARKS

In response to the above-identified Action, Applicant has cancelled Claims 12-14 and amended Claims 1, 9 and 10 responsive to the Examiner's objections at page 2 of the Action.

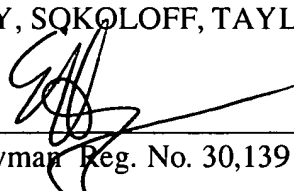
In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that Claims 1-2, 4-11 and 15-16 are in condition for allowance and such action is solicited at the earliest possible date. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would be useful in moving the case forward, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R §§ 1.16 or 1.17, particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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